

**CLAIMS:**

1. Method for determining contamination in a printer (10), especially from a fixing aid, comprising:

5 determining contamination by evaluation of the register of a print of printer (10).

2. Method according to Claim 1, wherein detecting marks (4) of the prints, and determining a register error from the recorded marks (4).

10

3. Method according to Claim 2, wherein after reaching a certain level of register error, a cleaning run of the printer (10) is started.

15

4. Method according to Claim 1, wherein in multicolor printing, the register error of each color is determined.

5. Method according to Claim 1, wherein in contamination of the printer (10) is determined by evaluation of the register in the transport direction of conveyor belt (1) of printer (10).

20

6. Printer comprising: a control device (20) for evaluation of the register for determining contamination of the printer (10), especially by a fixing aid.